

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Scott B. Weston on September 12, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A prostatic stent for use in a patient comprising:

(a) a first segment locatable on the proximal side of the patient's external urinary sphincter and including an external surface, an internal surface, a proximal portion, a distal end, a lumen defined by the internal surface and extending within the first segment, and a plurality of ports disposed along substantially the entire length of the first segment, said plurality of ports in fluid communication with the lumen for applying at least one agent to the external surface from the lumen, the proximal portion including at least one opening in communication with the lumen for receiving fluid from the bladder of the patient, the distal end terminating on the proximal side of the external urinary sphincter when the prostatic stent is placed within the body of the patient;

(b) a second segment locatable on the distal side of the external urinary sphincter of the patient and including an external surface, an internal surface, a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen defined by the internal surface and extending within the second segment, the proximal end terminating on the distal side of the external urinary sphincter when the prostatic stent is placed within the body of the patient;

- (c) a wire disposed between the first and second segments and coupling together the first and second segments;
- (d) an anticoagulant disposed on the internal surface of the first segment; and
- (e) a removal segment extending from the second segment.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A prostatic stent for use in a patient comprising:

- (a) a first segment locatable on the proximal side of the patient's external urinary sphincter and including an external surface, an internal surface, a proximal portion, a distal end, a lumen defined by the internal surface and extending within the first segment, and a plurality of ports disposed along substantially the entire length of the first segment, said plurality of ports in fluid communication with the lumen for applying at least one agent to the external surface from the lumen, the proximal portion including at least one opening in communication with the lumen for receiving fluid from the bladder of the patient, the distal end terminating on the proximal side of the external urinary sphincter when the prostatic stent is placed within the body of the patient;
- (b) a second segment locatable on the distal side of the external urinary sphincter of the patient and including an external surface, an internal surface, a proximal end, a distal end, and a lumen defined by the internal surface and extending within the second segment, the proximal end terminating on the distal side of the external urinary sphincter when the prostatic stent is placed within the body of the patient;
- (c) a connecting segment disposed between the first and second segments and coupling together the first and second segments, the connecting segment being devoid of a lumen; **and**
- (d) an anticoagulant disposed on the internal surface of the first segment; and

(e) a removal segment extending from the second segment.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Javier G. Blanco whose telephone number is 571-272-4747. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.), first Friday of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Isabella can be reached on **(571)272-4749**. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300 for regular communications and After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

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